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From: Amy Lamb, Ecological Information Specialist, NHB

Date: June 26, 2015

Subject: Re: NHB15-1904, NHB10-0644: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

This is a follow-up to NHB15-1904, which indicated the presence of an exemplary natural community, an Inland Atlantic white cedar swamp, and a state endangered plant, Canada shore quillwort (*Isoetes riparia var. canadensis*), close to the proposed project area. The report also indicated the presence of three wildlife species; please note that the Natural Heritage Bureau does not provide comments regarding wildlife, and that there must be consultation with the NH Fish and Game Department for all wildlife concerns.

In the NHB15-1904 review, we requested that the project area be surveyed for the occurrence of the rare species and natural community within the project area. After this initial recommendation, it came to my attention that community mapping had occurred throughout the project area, through consultation with Melissa Coppola under project number NHB10-0644. Based on the results of those surveys, NHB does not find it likely that the natural community and rare plant identified in NHB15-1904 would be found on the property. As such, NHB no longer recommends a survey for Canada shore quillwort or Inland Atlantic white cedar swamp in the project area.

We look forward to continued communication throughout the SEC process. Please send us any additional application materials as they become available, and include us in any future communications regarding the subject project.